

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF SCHEME FOR CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of the special projects formulated for the child labour in the various States, recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievement made in implemetation of the projects and to stop exploitation of child labour effectively particularly in the hazardous industries, State-wise;
- (c) the details of incidence of child labour and their exploitation engaged in the hazardous industries brought to the notice of the Government during the last one year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in view of the experiences gained during the year 1997-98 in bringing qualitative improvement in the welfare schemes formulated for the child labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) : Government of India has been implementing two schemes for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Evaluation of identified National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs), was taken up by evaluation agencies in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. Evaluation was also undertaken by Inter-Ministerial teams set up for the purpose. The reports received showed, inter-alia, that the magnitude of the child labour problem can be considerably reduced through the rehabilitation measures by the projects and that there is need to continue the component of special schools.

The performance of NCLPs is continuously reviewed through receipt of periodical reports of project activities and reviews undertaken at the Centre, State and District level.

A Central Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of Labour Secretary, has also been set up for the overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the NCLPs.

93 NCLPs are currently under implementation in 11 child labour endemic states for rehabilitation of about 2.00 lakh children withdrawn from work. State wise position is at Annexure. Government has approved continuance of the scheme of NCLP for the duration of the Ninth Five Year Plan and expansion of the number of projects up to 100. An amount of Rs.249.60 crore has been allocated for child labour related schemes for the duration of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 occupations and 51 processes. Employers employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are liable for prosecution. The Central Government and State/UT Governments have enforcement machineries to enforce child related provisions of the laws. The Central Government monitors implementation of the provisions of the Act through periodical returns.